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3–10 p.m. SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : வேனிற் காலத்தில் பல கூட்டங்கள் போடுவதற்கு உதகமண்டலம் தோதாக இருக்கும் என்ற உத்தேசத்தில் அங்கே அந்தக் கட்டிடம் வாங்கப்பட்டதாகக் கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கூறினார்கள். வேனிற் காலத்தில் சட்ட சபைக் கூட்டத்தையும் அங்கே கூட்டுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் யோசிக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அங்கே சட்ட சபையைக் கூட்டும் விஷயத்தை சட்ட சபை முடிவு செய்ய வேண்டும்.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Is the Hon. Minister aware that some of his Colleagues have given an indication that the very purpose of purchasing the palace is to have the session of the Legislature at Ootacamund in that very place?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, some of my Colleagues might have given the indication that this building could provide the necessary accommodation for a session of the Legislature. That does not mean that the Government have any proposal to have the next session during the coming summer in Ootacamund.

DR. V. K. JOHN : Did the Government ask the owner of the building to give it as a gift to the public?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Perhaps, Sir, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition may negotiate it for the consideration of the Government.

*Coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin*

* 33 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to the Legislative Council Starred Question No. 127 answered on 24th December 1956—

(*a*) whether the preliminaries in regard to the formation of a coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin have been completed;

(*b*) if so, when the work will be taken up for execution; and

(*c*) if not, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration) : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The work has been already taken up for execution.

(*c*) Does not arise.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : இராமனாதபுரம் ஜில்லாவிலிருந்து திருநெல்வேலி ஜில்லா வரையில் எந்த எந்தப் பகுதிகளில் இந்த ரோடுகள் போடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன என்ற விவரத்தை கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்க முடியுமா?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :

*Ramanathapuram district.*—Improvements to road from Ramanathapuram-Mandapam road (National Highways No. 49) to Uthirakosamangai, Sikkal, Sayalgudi to district limits (length 37½ miles) (exclusive of bridges and culverts). Estimated cost : Rs. 10,28,500.

*Tirunelveli district.*—Formation of road from Taravaikulam to Surangudi and on to district limits (including construction of culverts, soil stabilization, metalling, etc.) (excluding bridges). Estimated cost : Rs. 7 lakhs.

*Coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin*

* 34 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to form a coastal road from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin connecting Vembar, Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur and Sayalgudi villages?

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration) : A coastal road is being formed from Ramanathapuram to Tuticorin under the Central Road Fund Programme but it does not connect Vembar, Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur with Sayalgudi. The coastal route will connect Taravaikulam, Veppalodai, Kalluvannai, Malamandai, Surangudi, Sevalpatti, Tarikudi, Sayalgudi, Sikkal and Utharakosamangai.

The formation of a road to connect Vembar (in Tirunelveli district) with Kannirajapuram, Naripaiyur and Sayalgudi (in Ramanathapuram district) is proposed as a separate link to the above coastal road and the Government of India have been addressed for a grant. Their orders are awaited.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—CALLING ATTENTION UNDER RULE 41 (1) OF THE MADRAS COUNCIL RULES TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE, NAMELY THE ACCIDENT OF A CHILD FALLING DOWN A MANHOLE IN MOUNT ROAD, MADRAS.

* SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Mr. Chairman, Sir, under rule 41 (1) of the Madras Legislative Council Rules, I wish to call the attention of the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to a matter of urgent public importance, viz., that a nasty accident occurred on December 30, 1957, at about 6 p.m., the scene of the accident being the sidewalk opposite to Wellington Talkies, Mount Road, Madras, when a child fell down a manhole which was left open without proper cover. On a checkup, it is seen that there are several open drainages and manholes in the sidewalks in the City of Madras without any cover. Enquiry reveals that these manholes are left exposed without lids. I myself, Sir, had a sad experience. Coming from the bungalow of the hon. lady Member, Mrs. Jothi Vencatachellum, after a party that she gave, I nearly